



# DIGITAL OPERATIONS SPECIALIST



## An Inside Look

Digital operations specialists are technical experts on investigative teams who specialize in criminals' use of technology. This could range from identifying a bank robber by analyzing his or her digital footprint to targeting technologically sophisticated adversaries. This work illuminates relevant information while also minimizing the FBI's digital exposure during operations.

## Job Duties

- Maximize investigators' technical collection on their subjects by identifying new sources of collection (e.g. backup data, points of exploitation on a target's devices and networks).
- Assist investigators who are encountering subjects using anonymization techniques (e.g. VPN and Tor, virtual currencies, or conducting illegal activity on the Dark Web).
- Analyze and interpret technical data, such as iCloud, PCAP, or imaged servers to suit investigative needs.

## Key Skills

### Computer Science

- Familiarity with different operating systems, physical computer components and architectures, virtual machines, and scripting.

### Network Fundamentals

- Knowledge of networking and routing protocols, network securities methodologies, and operations of various communications media.

### Computer Vulnerabilities and Devices Security

- Knowledge of common computer/network infections, methods of infection, and attack methods and techniques.

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While both challenging and rewarding, there are specific entry requirements to join the FBI. Those who complete the process become part of a dedicated team that keeps our country safe.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be able to obtain a Top Secret Clearance (a Sensitive Compartmented Information [SCI] Clearance is optional)
- Be in compliance with the FBI Employment Drug Policy
- Possess a valid driver's license
- If currently on active duty in the military, be within 15 months of completing your service (with an honorable discharge) before submitting your application

## Automatic Disqualifiers

- Non U.S. citizenship
- Conviction of a felony
- Violation of the FBI Employment Drug Policy, failure of an FBI-administered drug test, or drug use while holding a clearance
- Default on a student loan issued by the U.S. government
- Failure to register with the Selective Service System (males only)
- Knowingly or willfully engaged in acts or activities designed to overthrow the U.S. government by force
- Failure to pay court-ordered child support, or file income tax returns

## Applicant Process

### 1 Inform & Apply

Visit [FBIJobs.gov](https://www.fbi.gov/jobs) to view careers and open positions.

### 2 Interview & Selection

Be advised that the hiring process can take a year or more.

### 3 Conditional Job Offer & Background Investigation

Once accepted, undergo a thorough background investigation.

### 4 Final Job Offer

Upon hire, attend the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, for a short new employee introduction course.



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